

Article 2: Traffic Movement and Control

§82.01 Authority to Install Traffic Control Devices

- (a) The City Manager shall place and maintain or cause to be placed and maintained official traffic control devices when and as required to make effective the provisions of this chapter.
- (b) Whenever the Vehicle Code requires for the effectiveness of any provision thereof that traffic control devices be installed to give notice to the public of the application of such law the City Manager is hereby authorized to install the necessary devices subject to any limitations for restrictions set forth in the law applicable thereto.
- (c) The City Manager may also place and maintain such additional traffic control devices as he may deem necessary or proper to regulate traffic or to guide or warn traffic, but he shall make such determination only upon the basis of traffic engineering principles and traffic investigations and in accordance with such standards, limitations, and rules as may be set forth in this chapter or as may be determined by ordinance or resolution of the Council.

(Amended 4-10-1956 by O-6936 N.S.)

§82.02 Traffic Control Signs Required for Enforcement Purposes

No provision of the Vehicle Code or of this chapter for which signs are required shall be enforced against an alleged violator unless appropriate signs are in place and are sufficiently legible to be seen by an ordinarily observant person, giving notice of such provisions of the traffic laws.

(Amended 4-10-1956 by O-6936 N.S.)

§82.03 Installation of Traffic Signals

- (a) The City Manager is hereby directed to install and maintain official traffic signals at those intersections and other places where traffic conditions are such as to require that the flow of traffic be alternately interrupted and released in order to prevent or relieve traffic congestion or to protect life or property from exceptional hazard.

- (b) The City Manager shall ascertain and determine the locations where such signals are required by field investigation, traffic counts and other traffic information as may be pertinent and his determinations therefrom shall be made in accordance with traffic engineering and safety standards.
- (c) Whenever the City Manager installs and maintains an Official Traffic Signal at any intersection, he shall likewise erect and maintain at such intersections street name signs except where signs have previously been placed.

(Amended 4-10-1956 by O-6936 N.S.)

§82.04 Parking Meter Zones — Authority*

The Council of The City of San Diego, on the recommendation of the City Manager, shall by resolution immediately and hereafter from time to time as traffic conditions require, establish zones to be known as "Parking Meter Zones," upon such streets or portions of streets of The City of San Diego as are selected for the location of said parking meter zones; and the City Manager shall cause parking meters to be installed and shall cause parking meter spaces to be designated, as hereinafter provided. The Council, on recommendation of the City Manager, may change or eliminate any of said zones.

*The validity of the parking meter ordinance of San Diego was sustained in the case of De Aryan vs. City of San Diego, 75 Cal. Ap. (2nd) 292.

(Incorp. 1-22-1952 by O-5046 N.S.)

§82.05 Parking Meters — Installation

The City Manager is hereby authorized to install or place parking meters in such parking meter zones provided for herein, or to be provided hereafter; and the City Manager is hereby directed to maintain said meters in good workable condition.

(Incorp. 1-22-1952 by O-5046 N.S.)

§82.06 Parking Meters — Operation

- (a) Except as provided in Section 82.06(d), parking meters installed in parking meter zones established as provided in Section 82.04 shall be placed upon the curb immediately adjacent to individual parking places.
- (b) Each meter shall be placed or set in such manner as to display whether the parking space adjacent to that meter is legally in use or not.

- (c) Upon the deposit of coins, each meter shall be set to display a sign indicating legal parking and shall continue to operate for that period of time not exceeding the limit of parking time which has been established for that area or zone. Upon the expiration of legal parking time, each meter shall indicate by proper signal that the lawful parking period has expired.
- (d) Notwithstanding Sections 82.06(a) and 86.12, multispace parking meters may be placed upon the curb in lieu of parking meters immediately adjacent to individual parking spaces.
- (e) Notwithstanding Sections 82.06(a), 86.11, 86.14, and 86.15, a vehicle displaying a receipt, card, or electronic device that has been approved by the City Manager as an alternative method of parking meter payment and that is readable to an enforcement officer may be lawfully parked in a parking meter zone. The receipt, card, or electronic device shall indicate the expiration of parking time, which shall be the equivalent of an expiration time indicated by a parking meter.
- (f) Funds collected for alternative methods of parking meter payment shall be used in the same manner as prescribed in Sections 82.08 and 82.09 for coins collected from parking meters.

(Amended 6-24-1996 by O-18316 N.S.)

§82.07 Parking Violations

(a) Enforcement

Every police officer or non-sworn employee charged with the enforcement of the provisions of Chapter VIII of this Code relating to illegal parking, the provisions of the California Vehicle Code, and the other laws of the State of California applicable to parking violations within the City of San Diego, shall have the duty, when any vehicle is illegally parked, to issue a written notice of violation thereof stating the State vehicle license number, make of such vehicle, the time and date of such illegal parking, meter number, street location, and a reference to the appropriate section of the Code and fixing a time and place for appearance by the registered owner to answer said notice. Such notice shall be attached to said vehicle either on the steering post or front door handle thereof or in such other conspicuous place upon the vehicle as to be easily observed by the person in charge of such vehicle upon his return thereto.

(b) Fees

For the purpose of regulating the use of streets and traffic thereon as a deterrent to illegal parking, and to recover administrative costs, parking violation fees shall be established by the Municipal Court judges pursuant to California Penal Code section 1269b(d).

The owner or operator may mail such payments to the City Treasurer within the time established therefore, but shall be responsible for delivery thereof to the Office of the City Treasurer.

(c) Failure to Pay

Failure to pay the appropriate fee as provided herein or failure to request a court appearance date to contest the violation will result in legal proceedings being instituted in the Municipal Court of the San Diego Judicial District against the registered owner for violation of the appropriate Code section in accordance with the provisions of section 41102 of the Vehicle Code of the State of California.

(Amended 3-18-1991 by O-17615 N.S.)

§82.08 Parking Meters — Use of Funds

The coins required to be deposited in parking meters, as provided herein, are hereby levied and assessed as fees to provide for the proper regulation and control of traffic upon the public streets, and to cover the cost of supervision, inspection, installation, operation, maintenance, control and use of the parking spaces and parking meters described herein, and also the cost of supervising and regulating the parking of vehicles in the parking meter zones created hereby.

(Incorp. 1-22-1952 by O-5046 N.S., contained in O-2117 N.S., adopted 4-22-1941.)

§82.09 Parking Meters — Collections — Accounting for Money

The City Manager is hereby authorized, and it shall be his duty, to designate some person or persons to make regular collections of the money deposited in said parking meters. It shall be the duty of such person or persons so designated to collect and deliver to the Treasurer of The City of San Diego all money deposited in the parking meters; the Treasurer shall keep accurate account of all the parking meter money so delivered to him. Money so deposited in the parking meters may be expended to meet the costs and expenditures involved in the inspection, repair, regulation, installation, operation, control and use of the parking spaces and parking meters described herein,

and the costs involved in the regulation and control of the parking of vehicles and the control of traffic which may affect or be affected by the parking of vehicles in the parking meter zones created hereby, including the purchase, replacement, installation, repair, servicing and operation of mechanical or electrical traffic signals for the direction of said traffic or said parking, and the cost of painting streets, curbs and sidewalks with appropriate markings, lines and signs, and the purchase, construction, erection, repair and replacement of street and curb signs for the direction of said traffic or said parking, and for the cost of patrolling said parking motor zones and enforcing therein all traffic laws and regulations concerning the parking of vehicles and the movement of traffic which may affect or be affected by such parking of vehicles, or for any of said purposes.

(Incorp. 1-22-1952 by O-5046 N.S., contained in O-3167 N.S., adopted 4-16-1946.)

§82.10 Lane Marking

The City Manager is hereby authorized to mark center lines and lane lines upon the surface of the roadway to indicate the course to be traveled by vehicles and may place signs temporarily designating lanes to be used by traffic moving in a particular direction, regardless of the center line of the highway.

(Amended 4-10-1956 by O-6936 N.S.)

§82.11 Authority to Remove, Relocate and Discontinue Traffic Control Devices

The City Manager is hereby authorized to remove, relocate or discontinue the operation of any traffic control device not specifically required by the Vehicle Code or this chapter whenever he shall determine in any particular case that the conditions which warranted or required the installation no longer exist.

(“Authority to Remove, Relocate and Discontinue Traffic Control Devices” added 4-10-1956 by O-6936 N.S.)

§82.12 Temporary Removal of Traffic Control Devices or Other Facilities — Suspension of Regulations

Whenever, because of the construction, alteration, repair, or improvement of any street or highway, or because of other emergency, compliance with any of the provisions of this Chapter, including provisions adopted pursuant to authorization contained in this Chapter, will create a traffic hazard and the City Manager so finds, he will either remove or cover up or cause to be removed or covered up any traffic control device setting forth such provisions. While the Traffic Control device is removed or covered the effect of such provision is suspended. At the end of the emergency, the City Manager shall replace or uncover or cause to be replaced or

uncovered such Traffic Control Device.

(“Temporary Removal of Traffic Control Devices or Other Facilities — Suspension of Regulations” added 4-10-1956 by O-6936 N.S.)

§82.13 Traffic Control Devices: Hours of Operation

The City Manager shall determine the hours and days during which any traffic control device shall be in operation or be in effect, except in those cases where such hours or days are specified in this chapter or by ordinance or resolution.

(“Traffic Control Devices: Hours of Operation” added 4-10-1956 by O-6936 N.S.)

§82.14 Unauthorized Painting of Curbs

No person shall paint or otherwise mark any curb, sidewalk or street surface without first complying with the requirements of this code.

(“Unauthorized Painting of Curbs” added 4-10-1956 by O-6936 N.S.)

§82.15 Authority to Place Turning Markers

The City Manager is authorized to place markers, signs or devices within or adjacent to intersections indicating the course to be traveled by vehicles turning at such intersections, and the City Manager is authorized to allocate and indicate more than one lane of traffic from which operators of vehicles may make right or left hand turns, and the course to be traveled as so indicated may conform to or be other than as prescribed by the Vehicle Code or this Article.

(“Authority to Place Turning Markers” added 4-10-1956 by O-6936 N.S.)

§82.16 Authority to Place and Obedience to Restricted Turn Signs

The City Manager is hereby authorized to determine those intersections at which it shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle to make a right, left, or U turn, and shall place appropriate signs at such intersections. The making of such turns may be prohibited between certain hours of any day and permitted at other hours in which event the same shall be plainly indicated on the signs.

Whenever authorized signs are erected indicating that no right or left or U turn is permitted, it shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle to disobey the directions of any such sign.

(“Authority to Place and Obedience to Restricted Turn Signs” added 4-10-1956 by O-6936 N.S.)

§82.17 Left Turns Between Intersections

It shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle to turn such vehicle to the left, whether for the purpose of entering or leaving a driveway or otherwise, at any place between the intersections and during the times so designated by the City Manager when such places are appropriately signed or marked.

(“Left Turns Between Intersections” added 4-10-1956 by O-6936 N.S.)

§82.18 Signal Controlled Intersections — Right Turns

(a) No driver of a vehicle shall make a right turn against a red or stop signal at any intersection which is signposted giving notice of such restriction as hereinafter provided in this section.

(b) The City Manager shall post appropriate signs giving effect to this section at any intersection where he determines that the making of right turns against a traffic "stop" indication would seriously interfere with the safe and orderly flow of traffic.

(“Signal Controlled Intersections — Right Turns” added 4-10-1956 by O-6936 N.S.)

§82.19 One-Way Streets and Alleys

The City Council may by resolution designate any street or alley, or portion thereof as a one-way street or alley. The City Manager shall place and maintain signs giving notice thereof. No such regulations shall be effective unless such signs are in place. Signs indicating the direction of lawful traffic movement shall be placed at every intersection where movement of traffic in the opposite direction is prohibited.

(“One-Way Streets and Alleys” added 4-10-1956 by O-6936 N.S.)

§82.20 Authority to Erect Stop Signs

The City Manager may, in accordance with criteria adopted by resolution by the City Council, designate and describe any street or portion thereof as a through street, or

any intersection at which vehicles are required to stop at one or more entrances thereto, or any railroad grade crossing at which vehicles are required to stop.

The City Manager shall erect and maintain Stop signs on each and every street intersecting such through street or portion thereof so designated and at those entrances of other intersections where a stop is required and at any railroad grade crossing so designated. Every such sign shall conform with and shall be placed as

provided in the Vehicle Code.
(Amended 1-2-1968 by O-9741 N.S.)

§82.21 Through Highway and Intersection Stops

Every driver of a vehicle or street car must stop such vehicle or street car before entering or crossing any through highway and before entering or crossing any intersection designated as a stop intersection at any entrance thereto designated as a stop entrance. All such stops shall be made at the prolongation of the property line of such through highway or intersection or at such other place properly marked and designated as a "stop" location; provided, however, that no such stops need be made when traffic is signaled to proceed by any stop and go signal, or by a police officer.
(Renumbered from Sec. 84.06 on 4-10-1956 by O-6936 N.S.)

§82.22 Emerging from Alley or Private Driveway

The operator of any vehicle emerging from an alley, driveway or building, shall stop such vehicle immediately prior to driving onto a sidewalk or into the sidewalk area extending across any driveway or alley.
(“Through Highway and Intersection Stops” added 4-10-1956 by O-6936 N.S.)

§82.23 Temporary Closure of City Roadways — Permits

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, upon a determination that a public or community event, including a block party, sponsored by a non-profit community or civic organization or business improvement organization, town council, recreation council, civic planning group, city-sponsored organization or any similar organization is to take place, a permit may be issued pursuant to Chapter II, Article 2, Division 40 of this Code for the temporary closure of any portion of a roadway maintained by The City of San Diego. The permit may authorize the conduct of activities consistent with the public or community event, and other provisions of this Code pertaining to such activities shall not apply during the time period of the permit.
(Amended 11-18-1997 by O-18439 N.S.)

§82.24 Operation of Vehicles on Mass Transit Guideways Prohibited

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to stop, stand, move or otherwise operate any vehicle, other than a Public Mass Transit Vehicle or any vehicle excepted by Section 81.06 of this Chapter, within a marked and signed Public Mass Transit Guideway.
- (b) The City Manager is authorized to distinctively mark and sign Public Mass

Transit Guideways in accordance with the powers delegated to him under Section 82.01(c) of this Chapter.
(“Operation of Vehicles on Mass Transit Guideways Prohibited” added 2-1-1982 by O-15663 N.S.)

§82.25 Interstate Trucking Regulated

The purpose of this section is to establish procedures for terminal designation and truck route designation to terminals for interstate trucks operating off the federally designated highway system. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate an interstate truck upon any street within The City of San Diego outside of an interstate truck service area that has not been designated and marked in accordance with this chapter, unless the vehicle is exempt from the restrictions on interstate trucks pursuant to California Vehicle Code Section 35401.5(c).
(“Interstate Trucking Regulated” added 4-22-1985 by O-16405 N.S.)

§82.25.1 Application

- (a) Any interested person requiring terminal access for interstate trucks from the federally designated highway system shall submit an application, on a form as provided by the City, together with such information as may be required by the City Engineer and appropriate fees to the City of San Diego.
- (b) Upon receipt of the application, the City Engineer will cause an investigation to be made to ascertain whether or not the proposed route is adequate to accommodate interstate trucks. Determination of route capability will include, without limitation, a review of adequate turning radii and lane widths of ramps, intersections and highways and general traffic conditions such as sight distance, speed and traffic volumes. No access off a federally designated highway system will be approved without the approval of CALTRANS.
- (c) Should the requested route pass through the City of San Diego to a terminal located in another jurisdiction, the applicant shall comply with the jurisdiction’s application process. City of San Diego route designation approval will be required for those portions of the route located within the City. Costs for trailblazer signs shall be as provided in Section 82.25.2(b) below.

(“Application” added 4-22-1985 by O-16405 N.S.)

§82.25.2 Fees and Costs

- (a) The applicant shall pay a non-refundable application fee, as established by the City, sufficient to pay the cost of the review of the terminal designation and the review of the route and alternate route.
- (b) Upon the approval of the terminal designation and route by the City and by CALTRANS, the applicant shall deposit with the City of San Diego sufficient funds as estimated by the City Engineer to pay for the purchase and installation of terminal trailblazer signs. Trailblazer signs will be required at every decision point in the City on the route to the terminal. Upon completion of the installation of the signs, the actual cost shall be computed and any difference between the actual and the estimated cost shall be billed or refunded to the applicant, whichever the case may be. No terminal or route may be used until such signs as may be required are in place. Costs for trailblazer signs may be proportioned in accordance with the procedures in Section 82.25.3(c).
("Fees and Costs" added 4-22-1985 by O-16405 N.S.)

§82.25.3 Retrofitting

- (a) If all feasible routes to a requested terminal are found unsatisfactory by the City Manager, the applicant may request retrofitting the deficiencies. All costs of engineering, construction and inspection will be the responsibility of the applicant. Except when the retrofitting of the deficiencies is within the jurisdiction of CALTRANS, the actual construction will be done by the City or pursuant to a public improvement permit. (Sections 62.0201 et seq. of the San Diego Municipal Code.)
- (b) When the work is to be done by the City, the applicant shall deposit with the City of San Diego the estimated cost of retrofitting. Adjustments between the estimated and actual cost shall be made after completion of the work and any difference between the actual and the estimated cost shall be billed or refunded to the applicant as the case may be. When the work is done by the applicant, the applicant may file with the City Manager, on a form satisfactory to the City Manager, a statement detailing the actual costs of the retrofitting.
- (c) If at any time within five years from the date of completion of the retrofitting by the applicant, should any applicant seek terminal approval which would use the route upon which such retrofitting was accomplished, any such applicants' fee may include that applicants proportionate share of the retrofitting, as determined by the City Manager, which fee shall be disbursed by The City of

San Diego to the applicant who paid for the original retrofitting as well as to any applicant who contributed to the cost of retrofitting under this subsection. Nothing herein shall require the payment of a proportionate fee if the applicant doing the work failed to file the applicant's report of costs with the City Manager as described in subsection (b) above.

("Retrofitting" added 4-22-1985 by O-16405 N.S.)

§82.25.4 Revocation of Route

The City Engineer may revoke any approved terminal or route if the terminal or route becomes a traffic safety hazard for vehicular traffic. A safety hazard includes the inability of interstate trucks to negotiate the route or if interstate trucks create unsafe driving conditions for other vehicular traffic or pedestrians.

("Revocation of Route" added 4-22-1985 by O-16405 N.S.)

§82.25.5 Appeals

If the City Engineer denies terminal designation, route feasibility or revokes a previously approved terminal or route, the applicant/terminal owner, within ten working days following the date of receipt of the decision of the City Engineer may appeal the decision in accordance with the procedures in Section 62.0116 of the San Diego Municipal Code.

(Amended 10-1-1990 by O-17534 N.S.)

§82.25.6 Interstate Truck Service Route Designation

The City Engineer may mark and sign proposed service routes as necessary to provide routes for interstate trucks to interstate truck service areas in the vicinity of interstate highways.

("Interstate Truck Service Route Designation" added 4-22-1985 by O-16405 N.S.)

